ARKANSAS WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



April 12, 2004

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 2004 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: April 12, 3PM - There were 6 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 0% very short, 14% short, 75% adequate, and 11% surplus.

CROPS: The state is ahead of schedule on planting both corn and rice. Rain near the week's end helped to activate rice herbicide, after topsoil dried out earlier in the week. Soil temperatures must improve in order for early soybeans and rice to emerge. The eastern portion of the state is continuing to prepare the ground for soybeans and cotton, through burndown. Despite the threat of stripe rust, the wheat crop remains in good condition.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock are in good condition. Producers are selling cull cows. Pasture and hay fields are receiving herbicide applications to control weed population.

Progress %						Condition %					
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
CORN											
Planted	76	63	73	53							
Emerged	41	n/a	28	12							
SOYBEANS											
Planted	7	3	2	1							
SORGHUM											
Planted	20	7	17	14							
COTTON											
Planted	0	0	0	0							
RICE											
Planted	31	8	18	9							
Emerged	1	0	1	0							
WHEAT					0	2	34	52	12		
Headed	13	1	1	9							
HAY - OTHER					0	3	49	42	6		
HAY - ALFALFA					0	1	54	45	0		
PASTURE & RANGE					1	5	34	51	9		

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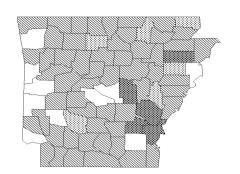
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

April 11, 2003. Temperatures were below normal. Rainfall in all areas. Eudora and Hot Springs recorded the high temperature of 85° and Calico Rock recorded the low temperature of 30°. Precipitation ranged from a high of 2.75 inches at Rohwer to 0.53 inches at Calico Rock.



NO DATA

✓ VERY SHORT
SHORT
ADEQUATE
SURPLUS

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: April 11, 2004

DISTRICT		MPERATUR		RAINFALL						
AND			DEP	WEEK	CURR		JAN-MAR			
STATION	HIGH	LOW	FROM	ENDING	APR	APR				
			NORM	APR 11	ACCUM.	NORMAL	2003	NORMAL		
1 Fayetteville	72	33	-3	1.39	1.41	4.33	5.19	8.72		
Harrison	72	36	-2	0.71	0.71	4.09	5.04	9.51		
2 Calico Rock	75	30	-2	0.53	0.53	4.36	5.56	10.43		
Gilbert	76	32	-4	0.71	0.73	4.05	5.17	9.77		
Greers Ferry	76	37	-1	1.36	1.47	5.02	8.87	11.94		
Mountain Home	74	41	-1	0.64	0.80	4.13	7.46	10.22		
3 Batesville	78	35	1	0.97	0.99	4.76	7.69	11.10		
Jonesboro	77	34	-1	1.03	1.13	4.99	7.90	11.30		
Keiser	78	36	0	0.79	0.99	4.90	10.02	12.34		
Newport	77	39	0	1.08	1.13	5.01	9.03	11.63		
4 Booneville	77	41	-3	1.67	1.67	4.32	8.80	10.38		
Clarksville	79	43	1	1.59	1.59	4.48	8.68	10.20		
Dardanelle	80	38	-2	2.58	2.58	4.24	8.11	10.94		
Ft. Smith	79	43	1	1.36	1.36	3.91	8.66	8.90		
Mena	77	38	-1	2.46	2.46	5.20	11.85	12.13		
Ozark	77	44	0	1.28	1.29	3.63	9.91	10.03		
5 Conway	79	41	-1	2.30	2.33	5.00	10.18	11.20		
Hot Springs	85	37	-1	1.09	1.10	5.31	12.10	12.94		
Little Rock	81	44	0	1.97	1.97	5.47	10.93	11.82		
N Little Rock	82	46	0	2.53	2.53	5.03	11.11	11.52		
6 Brinkley	78	41	0	1.27	1.44	5.19	11.93	12.45		
Marianna	77	39	-2	1.25	1.41	5.30	12.54	13.62		
Stuttgart	80	41	-1	2.42	2.42	5.29	15.75	15.75		
7 Hope	80	38	-1	1.15	1.15	4.89	11.65	13.12		
Texarkana	83	40	-1	0.86	0.86	3.95	10.85	10.97		
8 Camden	83	40	1	1.28	1.28	4.63	12.54	13.82		
El Dorado	83	38	0	1.78	1.80	4.55	17.87	14.32		
Warren	84	38	1	1.94	1.96	5.13	17.36	15.48		
9 Eudora	85	44	1	1.23	1.32	6.15	13.63	16.72		
Pine Bluff	79	39	-1	2.39	2.39	5.14	16.58	13.29		
Rohwer	78	44	0	2.75	2.88	5.07	18.53	14.61		